

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
DCF 56 and 58

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R03/97)
☒ ORIGINAL ☐ UPDATED
☐ CORRECTED ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL
Subject

Kinship care and foster care

Fiscal EffectState: ☒ No State Fiscal EffectCheck columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
Within Agency's Budget ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Increase Existing Appropriation ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Create New Appropriation
☐ Decrease CostsLocal: ☒ No local government costs
1. ☐ Increase Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
☐ Towns ☐ Villages ☐ Cities
☐ Counties ☐ Others _____
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEG-S**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations****Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The rule implements the first two levels of the Graduated Licensing and Levels of Care policy, as directed in 2009 Wisconsin Act 28. This rule establishes the requirements for certification at these two levels of care. A foster home at these two levels is certified based on a number of factors, including the level of knowledge, skill, training and experience of the licensee, the level of responsibilities expected, and the needs of the child. The rule also establishes training requirements for these levels of licensure.

These changes will affect counties and the Department, which operates the child welfare program in Milwaukee County. The fiscal impact of these changes was included in the biennial budget; therefore implementation of these rules is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect.

Additionally, by not implementing the rule, DCF stands to lose a substantial amount of federal revenue. By licensing current court-ordered Kinship Care providers, Act 28 assumes that the Department will be able to claim an additional \$6,524,300 in IV-E revenue as a result of the policy. Without the rule, DCF will not be able to require these providers to get certified and will lose the additional revenue assumed in Act 28.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

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